GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services– Registration & Stamps – Sri R.Mukunda Rao, former Joint Sub Registrar-I, RO (OB), Anakapalli (retired) – Disciplinary action initiated – Inquiry – Charge proved - Inquiry Report communicated – Explanation – Charged Officer retired – Provisional decision – Show Cause Notice issued under APRPRs 1980 – Representation received - Disciplinary action concluded – Penalty of 5% cut in pension for two years against Sri R.Mukunda Rao, former Joint Sub Registrar-I, RO(OB), Anakapalli (retired) - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.397 **Dated:07.04.2020**

Read the following:-

1. Charge Memo Prog.No.E1/310/15-1, dt.20-8-15 of DIG, VSP.
2. Explanation dt.10-09-2015 of Sri R.Mukunda Rao, JSR (retired).
3. Prog.No.E1/310/2015-1, dt.17-10-2015 of DIG, Visakhapatnam.
4. Lr.No.E1/3082/VSP/15, dt.23-2-17 of District Registrar, VSP.
5. Notice No.E1/310/2015-1, dated 07-04-2017 of DIG, VSP.
6. Explanation dt.28-04-2017 of Sri R.Mukunda Rao, JSR (retired).
7. Lr.No.E1/310/2015, dated 09-02-2018 of DIG, Visakhapatnam.
8. From D&IG, R&S, Lr.No.X1/5070/2017, dt.18-04-18 & 9-05-19.
9. Govt.Memo No.REGS0CIRV(DISC)/20/2019-Vig-II,dt: 27.08.2019.
10. Representation of Sri R.Mukunda Rao, Sub-Registrar Gr.I(Retd.), SRO, Pedagantyada, Anakapalli Regn. District, dated 1.11.2019.
11. Govt. Lr No. REGS0CIRV(DISC)/20/2019-Vig.II(1), dated:17.12.2019.
12. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr No. 23/DC&C/2020, dated:21.01.2020.

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O R D E R :

In the reference 1st read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Visakhapatnam and the disciplinary authority has initiated departmental action against Sri R.Mukunda Rao, for the misconduct committed by him while working as Joint Sub Registrar-I, Registration Office (Original Branch), Anakapalli during the period from 17-10-2013 to 30-09-2014 for causing delay in transferring the Government money of Rs.1,09,55,284/- through Government Challans in respective Heads of Account to Treasury Branch and framed the following six charges against him:

Charge-I : CO while working as Joint Sub Registrar-I, RO (OB), Anakapalli during 17-10-2013 to 30-09-2014 failed to remit amounts collected by designated Bank from registering public into Sub-Treasury on very next working day on various dates (around 133 times) in violation of instructions issued by C&IG in Memo No. G1/16619/03, dt.27-10-2003 and thereby caused delay in transferring money of Rs.1,09,55,284/- through Government Challans head of account wise to treasury Branch.

Charge-II : CO while working as Jt.SR-1, RO (OB), Anakapalli during 17-10-2013 to 30-09-2014 has failed to maintain Cash Remittance Book as per SO 1024 in proforma prescribed in SO 1025 for entering particulars of every remittance of monies made into Treasury Branch or designated Bank and to obtain acknowledgement for amount entered in book from authorized person entrusted with money for remittance. Also failed to examine challan, when received after remittance as to whether particulars of remittance are correctly & properly endorsed upon it and affix date stamp and his initials on challan in token thereof and violated instructions laid in SOs.1024 & 1025.

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Charge-III : CO while working as Jt.SR-1, RO (OB), Anakapalli during 17-10-2013 to 30-09-2014 has failed to note details of remittances made by him in Accounts-'A', 'B' & 'D' as per SO 1053 (a) and thereby violated said provisions.

Charge-IV : CO while working as Jt.SR-1, RO (OB), Anakapalli during 17-10-2013 to 30-09-2014 has failed to obtain scrolls from Bank regularly and thereby violated instructions at Para (11) issued in Memo No.G1/16619/2003, dated 27-10-2003 by D&IG, R&S.

Charge-V : CO while working as Jt.SR-1, RO (OB), Anakapalli during 17-10-2013 to 30-09-2014 has failed to maintain Daily Challan Register and Pending Challan Register properly and violated instructions at Para (15) issued in Memo No. G1/16619/2003, dated 27-10-2003 of D&IG, R&S.

Charge-VI: CO while working as Jt.SR-1, RO (OB), Anakapalli during 17-10-2013 to 30-09-2014 has failed to ensure that Bank Scrolls are tallied with receipts produced by parties every day and that Bank transfer amount to Treasury Branch. Also failed to reconcile receipts and remittances by designated Bank every week and add a certificate to that effect in challan registers and thereby violated instructions at Para (17) issued in Memo No.G1/16619/2003, dated 27-10-2003 by D&IG, R&S.

2. The Charged Officer has submitted his Written Statement of Defence vide reference 2nd read above and as the same is not convincing. The Deputy Inspector General, Visakhapatnam got the matter enquired through Regular Inquiry and appointed the Regular Inquiry Officer, vide reference 3rd read above.

3. The Inquiry Officer has submitted the Inquiry Report vide reference 4th read above holding the Charges 1 to 4 and 6 as not proved and the Charge – 5 held as proved. The Deputy Inspector General, Visakhapatnam and disciplinary authority after examining the Inquiry Report has accepted the findings of the Inquiry Authority and communicated the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer, vide reference 5th read above to submit representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority. The Charged Officer has submitted his explanation, vide reference 6th read above. In the meantime, the Charged Officer had retired from service on 30-06-2016 on superannuation and the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, vide references 8th read above has submitted proposal to the Government along with record for taking further action against the Charged Officer under Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as Government is competent authority to take action against retired Government Servants.

4. Government have examined the proposal received vide reference 8th read above and observed that the Inquiry Officer in respect of Charge – V among other things observed that the Charged Officer cannot be totally absolved from his responsibility in maintaining the Daily Challan Register and the Pending Challan Register, though the omissions are rectifiable and rectified by updating registers and held that the charge – V as held proved.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for two years against Sri R.Mukunda Rao, former Joint Sub Registrar-I, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Anakapalli (Retired) under rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for the charge that is held proved in the disciplinary action initiated against him vide reference 1st read above. Therefore the Delinquent Officer was directed to submit his representation, if any in the matter vide

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reference 9th read above. The Delinquent Officer has submitted his representation vide reference 10th read above, wherein he has requested to exonerate him from the charge on humanitarian grounds.

6. Government have examined the matter in detail and decided to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for two years against Sri R.Mukunda Rao, former Joint Sub Registrar-I, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Anakapalli (Retired). The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, agrees with the proposal of the Government to impose the said penalty against the delinquent officer vide reference 12th read above.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for two years against Sri R.Mukunda Rao, former Joint Sub Registrar-I, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Anakapalli (Retired).

8. The Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri R.Mukunda Rao, former Joint Sub Registrar-I, Registering Office (Original Branch), Anakapalli (now Retired) (**through** the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada).

Copy to :
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eedupugallu, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam.
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SECTION OFFICER